By Grace You Are Saved

"…by grace are ye saved through faith; ***and that not of yourselves****: it is the gift of God:"* (**Ephesians 2:8**)

I recently read the statement 'Salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it'—in fact, that exact expression appears on the Internet some 2,480 times. Now the problem with that statement, is that it leaves the reader with the idea that God is offering salvation to everyone and that God's giving of salvation to sinners is conditioned upon whether they accept it or not.

You see, there are those who actually think that God engages to give us heaven, if we will but perform *this* or *that*, and that *when* we have performed *this* or *that*, we may claim heaven as a debt. But to affirm that salvation is conditioned in any such sense as this, would be to make *void* the Gospel of Christ. May God give the reader grace to hear, believe, and know the writer's Saviour. He says to me, and all His people (all those who believe on Him) 'I've given you eternal life; and you shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck you out of my hand' [Read John 10:27-30].

Beloved, never forget it! Your Lord and God Jesus Christ did not *offer* you eternal life—He *gave* it to you! (and at that, without your permission). Thank God eternal life is not an *offer!* Thank God the salvation of sinners is not *conditioned* or *dependent* upon them in any *way*, *shape* or *form* but rather, ever so blessedly, eternal life is *given* to them by our Creator. You see believing sinner, our salvation is *conditioned* upon God, our Lord Jesus Christ, and He tells us plainly "I GIVE MY SHEEP ETERNAL LIFE" [John 10:27].

Reader, if it were true that salvation was offered to be accepted, then salvation would then be of works and not of grace. You see beloved, the terms of our salvation were accomplished for us by the Lord Jesus Christ. And so my friend, if you are born again, if you know the Lord Jesus is the author and finisher of your faith, you attribute all the glory of your being saved unto Him *that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood* (Revelation 1:5). You see beloved, through the gospel of Christ all glorying is excluded: and so therefore, salvation cannot be conditioned upon the creature in any way. Reader, eternal life is not something to be obtained by accepting it. For if God loves you, He will show you what you are in the *light* and *countenance* of His well pleasing Son; and *in* and *by* the light of Christ, He'll make you to cry out "Lord be merciful to me, *the* sinner". Reader, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (and should the grace of God grant you to do that) He'll teach you, how that He's already made Christ to be all your 'wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, you may ever glory only in the Lord Jesus Christ' [1st Corinthians 1:30-31]. Amen!—Pastor

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

December 13th, 2020

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"…it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

(Isaiah 25:9)

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Reader *"…we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."* (2nd Corinthians 5:10). We are all to receive there the things done in the body; whether by the things of *regeneration* wrought on the Lord's people, in bringing them into a justified state before God; or those who are found in guilt from the unawakened nature of Adam, and in a state of *condemnation* before God. While all unawakened, unregenerate, and unrenewed men, must stand awfully condemned before God; we are expressly told, that there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus: for they are passed from death to life, and are freely justified in the grace which is in Christ Jesus [Romans 8:1; 1 John 3:14; Acts 13:39]. [Amen!] —Robert Hawker

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Welcome

Sinners are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it — you are complete in Him, saved to the uttermost (Hebrews 7:26).

Announcements

Sovereign Grace Bible Conference

David Eddmenson

February 26th, 27th, & 28th

Happy Birthday!

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Resources

Be sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

Doing The Will Of The Father

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."(**Matthew 7:21**)

Reader, *"The Lord knoweth them that are His And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity"* (2nd Timothy 2:19). My friend, stop trusting in your creature righteousness: Your good works are not going to save you. Your morality is not going to save you, all your so called 'goodness' before the thrice Holy God is just a sinful filthy ruined rag. God give you grace to depart from your iniquity and flee to Him who is the righteous Savior of His people.

My friend, *The Lord knoweth them that are His*, and so let every one that name the name of Christ depart from *any* and *every* other hope which is nothing but iniquity. You see, *the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous*, He knows His own and He loves His own, but the way of the *ungodly*, the way of the *reprobate*, the way of the *rebel*, the way of those who declare their own goodness, and not His righteousness only, will perish [Psalm 1:6, Psalm 71:16].

You see, the way that appeals to the flesh, the way that seems safe according to the carnal mind shall end in total destruction. Our Lord says of that day *"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven"* (Matthew 7:21).

My friend, do you know what the will of our Heavenly Father is? It is very simply this, to believe on the One He sent; the Lord Jesus Christ. And our Lord makes it plain to us who believe: this is not a *work of the flesh*, but rather ever so blessedly the *work of God* in you who believe. Our Lord declares: *"This is the work of God…"* you see reader, to believe on Him, He must do a work of grace in your heart; that you might *"…believe on Him whom He hath sent,"* Christ Jesus the Lord, His darling Son (John 6:29). May God grant both the *reader* and the *writer* grace to ever and always do just that. Reader, *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house"* (Acts 16:31) Amen! — Pastor